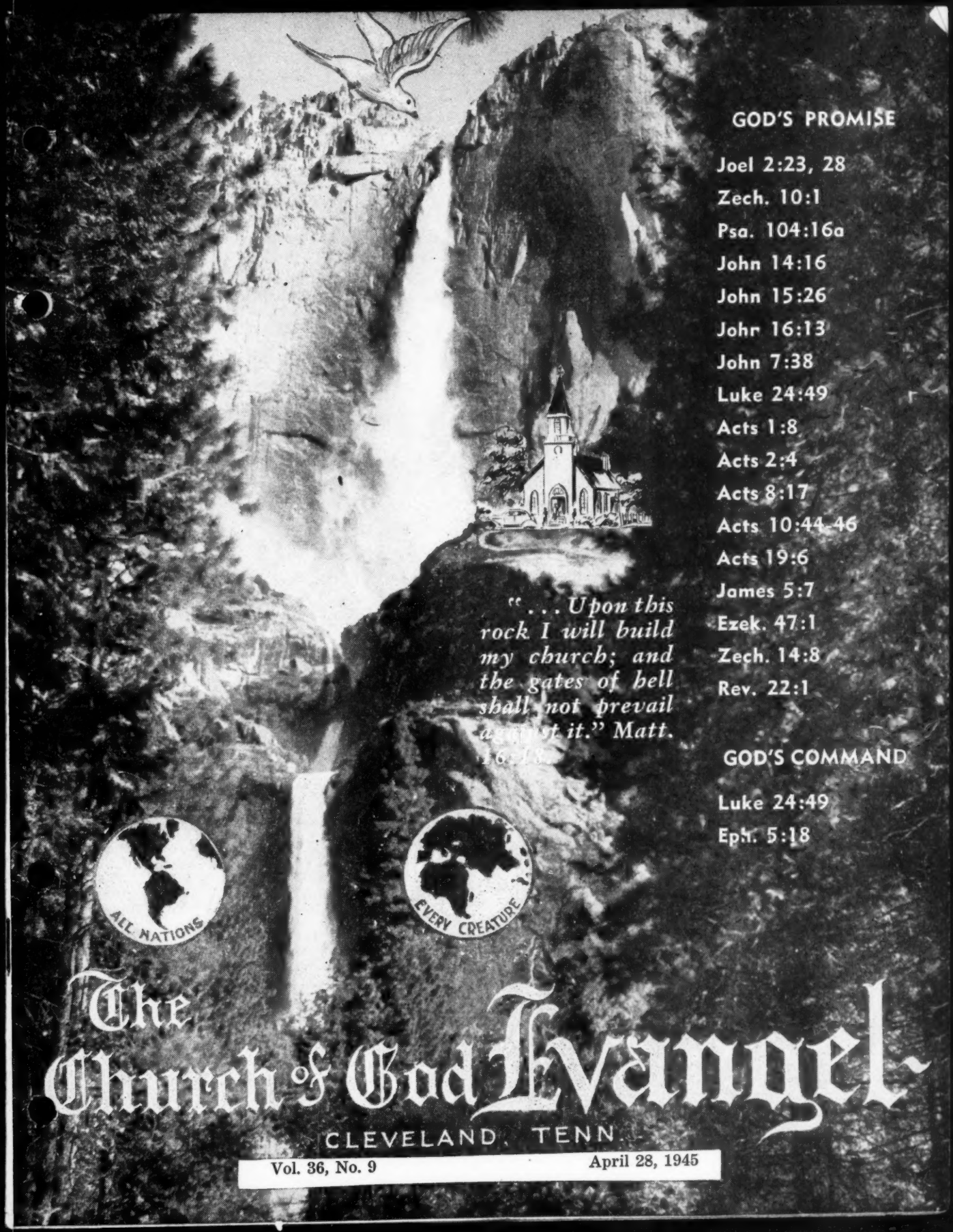

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Joel 2:23, 28
Zech. 10:1
Psa. 104:16a
John 14:16
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Luke 24:49
Acts 1:8
Acts 2:4
Acts 8:17
Acts 10:44-46
Acts 19:6
James 5:7
Ezek. 47:1
Zech. 14:8
Rev. 22:1

". . . Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49
Eph. 5:18

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Anyone having friends or relatives at the Pratt Army Air Field and would like for me to contact them, write me at Box 141, Pratt, Kansas, and give me their address.—Paul J. Brown, pastor, Pratt, Kans.

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The opening date of the Northeast Bible and Music Institute has been changed from June 11 to June 18. The closing date will remain the same, August 2. The school will afford over six full weeks of school.

The state overseers of the Northeast district will meet in Somerset, Pa., on the 19th of June to discuss plans for a greater expansion program, etc.

State convention dates for the Northeastern district have been arranged as follows: Virginia, June 14-17; New York, June 22-24; North Carolina, June 25-July 1; New Jersey, July 6-8; West Virginia, July 11-15; Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, July 20-22; Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, July 23-29; Maryland, July 27-August 5; Pennsylvania, August 2-12. The foregoing dates include the camp meetings also.—Paul H. Walker, Assistant General Overseer of Northeastern district.

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Our church is located at 18th and Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Ala., instead of Elberton City, Ala. If anyone has friends or relatives they want me to visit, just drop me a card and I will be glad to.—Harry Woods, pastor, 1623 Queen City Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

SERVICE MAN'S WEEKLY LETTER

Somewhere in Holland

Dear Mother,

A word to you to let you know I am all right; I hope you feel as well as I do. You will understand by the paper enough of me. Please do not worry. The Almighty is able to keep that which I have committed into His hands.

You can know I am in the center of His will and feel good over it. Thank God, my joy is in righteousness and serving the Lord and I know we will meet again somewhere. If not on earth, I will meet you at the portals of the beautiful gate to help guide you to the mansion on the right side of mine, for you deserve it for teaching me this wonderful plan of salvation.

Last night I was healed for the third time. The healing came instantly. I was very sick and was suffering. After praying I was carried away in the Spirit, then awoke suddenly without a pain, and rested good afterwards. If only you knew how much this Friend is to me. It was medicine all right but the ingredients were healing; the contents made from the herb that is absolutely pure, unmistakable in action and evidence—Jesus. —Your loving son, Lawrence Jones.

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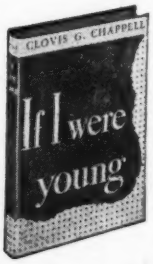

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INTRODUCTION: In this modern machine age, with the world enveloped in war, rivers of blood flowing from the veins of the world's choice young manhood, and many things that we once thought were indestructive already destroyed, nations demolished, and kings taking refuge behind the powers of other governments, there is one refuge and one law that will never fail. That one refuge is Christ; that one law is the Bible.

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THE AUTHORS

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All these writers lived in several countries and localities, over a period of many hundreds of years, and were accustomed to worshiping and working under varied conditions and circumstances, yet never contradicted each other.

THE WORD WILL STAND FOREVER

New books are constantly being written as a result of increase of knowledge. Schools are being outgrown and new ones built; the best and greatest Bible students have never been able to fathom the depths of the Holy Scriptures, neither have the most holy and sainted sages of the past or present ever outgrown the holiness and knowledge of this Book.

Christ, defending the durability of the Bible, said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." And on another occasion, He said: "Till heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." And on another occasion, He said: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

The Scriptures further declare, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." But through all this the Word of God will stand, and that forever.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

Paul instructed Timothy to study the Bible, not because Timothy had not studied the Scriptures, but rather that he might continue to do so. Timothy had studied the Bible from his youth, as is revealed by Paul further on in the same letter, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation," 2 Tim. 3:15.

In the two quotations there is set forth three definite reasons why one should know the Bible. First, that he may know how to rightly divide it. Second, knowledge of the Scriptures invites the approval of God. Third, to know the Scriptures makes one wise unto salvation. To understand the Bible it is necessary to consider the writer, also those to whom he is writing and the conditions and circumstances that surround them. It is further important in understanding the Scriptures to consider the subject the writer is dealing with; not one phrase, or one verse, but the entire thought, studying carefully the contexts. Never grab a phrase here and one there to build up an argument that justifies your own belief. If you resort to that method of interpreting the Scriptures you can prove almost anything by the Bible. You will find in Psalm 14:1, "There is no God," but if you will read from the first of the verse you will learn that it was the fool who said in his heart, "There is no God." Then he goes on to tell what kind of people these fools are. "They are corrupt, they have abominable works. There is none that doeth good." Therefore the Scriptures must be rightly divided to get the correct understanding. Don't disbelieve in the existence of God just because one phrase reads, "There is no God." Look and see who said it, and when you look you will see that it was the statement of a fool. Then treat it accordingly.

A BOOK TO BE UNDERSTOOD

You hear people say, "I would read the Bible, but I cannot understand it." Your trouble is that you argue with it. You read it and when condemned you want to make it mean something else. You can never fit the Bible to your own ideas and experience. You will have to fit your ideas and experiences to the Bible. Read your Bible with an open mind. Don't even try to remember what some one said about it. Think about what you are reading. When the Bible says something don't ask someone else what it means. It means what it says.

I have a little boy named Jimmy. He reads the Bible and believes what it says. When he was nine years old I had been away from home for a few days attending to my ministerial duties, and when I returned he had just finished reading the book of Revelation for his first time. He had read many mysterious things in the new book. He came into my office to tell about his new discoveries. He said he read things in there that just didn't seem like they could be. He said, "When I read about that old dragon and three spirits like frogs come out of his mouth (he frowned), it made me sick, I like to have vomited." Then I thought, "O God, that I and all grown-ups could read the Bible and see it just like it reads, like that child saw it." When he read it he had a mental vision. He saw the dragon, he saw his mouth, he saw three spirits like frogs come out of his mouth. To him it was a reality. It had an effect on his stomach. Many people read it so casually that it does not even affect their hearts. Do not read your Bible through just so you can brag about reading it from lid to lid. There are

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Record Bible Distribution

During the year 1944 the American Bible Society distributed 12,403,541 copies of the Scriptures. This is the largest annual distribution in 129 years.

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Curbing Juvenile Delinquencies

The New York Legislature has enacted a series of bills recommended by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. A State Youth Commission has been created with a backing of $800,000 to enact its policies into living realities.

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Conserving Rubber

There is also reported to be 20,000 trucks over the country hauling liquor, using up gas and rubber. Still I presume we are trying to win the war by doing these things. If these are not conflicting evils of ideals I am deceived.

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A Call to Prayer

Leaders of twenty-five Protestant organizations have called for a "special day of prayer for the success of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco." Sunday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 25, have been designated as prayer days.

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Vitamins

Certain vitamins, particularly vitamin "A", is needed to keep the eyesight strong and to offset cold. If we had the vitamin of the Holy Spirit in our lives and churches it would doubtless inspire our vision and keep out a lot of this "waxing cold" we are finding in many churches and places. Without vitamin "A" certain infectious diseases attack the individual. Without the strength of the Spirit's presence, all kinds of vicious and malignant types of sinful practices attack persons claiming to be religious.

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Jewish College in Rome

The Rabbinical College of Rome, which was forced to close under the Fascist regime, has reopened under the auspices of the Government commissioner for the union of the Italo-Jewish community. The function of schools is regarded as important now because there is only a handful of active rabbis in Italy as a result of German persecution. The last census of Italian Jews in 1939 showed there were 80,000 in the country, 30,000 of whom resided in Rome.

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Conserving Electricity

We are all made to remember the call to conserve electricity, which is so essential to our war effort. Then, too, there is supposedly an effort being made to conserve manpower for the war effort. But how do you reconcile the fact that there are 450,000 night clubs and roadhouses over the country burning electricity until late hours of the night, or probably I should say early hours of the morning? If any portion of these classes who attend these clubs and roadhouses are war workers they certainly start the day well worn out from the loss of sleep and energy. Here is one reason why there is so much "absenteeism" on war production.

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Religious Freedom

The outlook for religious freedom in a postwar world looks at least favorable. It seems that outside influence and circumstances have been brought to bear upon Russia to the extent that she at least pretends to grant religious freedom. Let it be remembered that true religion has always been a persecuted religion. The world loves its own, and by nature it is at enmity against God. A ministry armed with power of the Holy Ghost to do signs and wonders in the name of Jesus of Nazareth was God's answer to a Christ-rejecting world then, and this is still true today. A manifestation of the miraculous will awaken and maintain interest in spiritual things.

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Religious Permits by ODT

will, according to a report from Washington, be given for the holding of "legislative conferences" where these conferences are necessary for the continuance or the survival of church organizations. Distinguished characteristics of such conferences are defined: 1. To establish the fiscal operation and control of church properties. 2. The amendment of canonical laws. 3. The election of a bishop, moderator, or other chief executive officer of the church in the district, synod, diocese, presbytery, etc. 4. The selection or examination of candidates for ordination. 5. The assignment of pastors. 6. The allocation of funds. The insistance of ODT is that delegates be held down to a required minimum. Our state, district, and finally the General Assembly are definitely qualified in all these points.

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V-Day Observance

There will be varied activities as a result of the close of the war in Europe—some will celebrate; others will pray and thank God for His guidance and help; still others will sorrowfully lament that V-Day in Europe is not actually the end of the war. At any rate, all Christians, if not all churches, should pray for a complete settlement of the affairs of war, and for the peace that shall follow, realizing that while peace is being effected in Europe that there will still be much fighting in the Pacific. The true believer in Christ has all along been faithfully praying and having his V-Day in his heart as he prayed, not altogether for the end of present hostilities, but for the coming of the kingdom of heaven upon earth. Here is one place the Christian can't lose. We will now by prayer and faith pray for and wait for peace; but there and then, we will sit at the peace table and share the glorious victory, not of an earthly, contesting force of arms, but a victory of God's making.

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FRUIT TREES or SHADE TREES

A. J. COX

Text: Matt. 21:19, *"Nothing thereon but leaves."*

There is a time when the beautiful leaves on the trees are useful. I can remember years ago when I was a boy and when I was helping my father on the farm, how, when I would take the hoe and try to keep up with my father and others, with my row of corn across the wide field, and the sun was shining very hot, I would be very much refreshed when we would get to the end of the row and find a good shade tree to rest our weary, tired bodies under for awhile. But after I had become rested the shade tree would become useless, and if we stayed with the shade too long, or spent too much time with the shade tree, our ears of corn would grow too short, therefore to help or have our ground to produce well, we would have to spend very little time with the shade trees.

Another thing I learned about the shade trees from my father was that he would always deaden the trees around his corn field that wouldn't bear fruit, but only made a shade on the other fruit of his ground. Now I am sure that the leaves have their place on God's FRUIT TREES, but there must be fruit also if the tree is to exist. We notice in the text that Jesus had spent the night in Bethany, and as He returned to the city in the morning, He hungered. When He saw a fig tree in the way He came to it and FOUND NOTHING THEREON BUT LEAVES ONLY, and you know that leaves will not satisfy the man that is hungry.

We note that in the very beginning of our experience FRUITS were demanded. John the Baptist, in Matt. 3:8 said, "Bring forth therefore FRUITS meet for repentance"; also, "The ax is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore EVERY TREE which bringeth not forth GOOD FRUIT is hewn down, and cast into the fire," Matt. 3:10. We are not only demanded to bring forth fruit, but it must be good fruit. Now we will note that this fruit tree can be an individual, or it can be a church, a body of Christians; but in either case we must bring forth GOOD FRUIT.

Somebody perhaps has said, "Preacher, what is fruit-bearing?" Well, it can be anything that promotes the cause of Christ. One colored preacher said that God only needs us as we serve one another. If I will visit the sick, yes, and pray with them and try to take something to them that they need, and will make them happy, I am bearing fruit. If I am giving for missions I am bearing fruits and the more I give the more fruit I bear. If I put a one or a five-dollar bill in the Orphanage offering I am bearing fruit. If I am faithful to always pay my tithes in full each pay day, and get them in on time, I am bearing fruits and then if I will always be ready to give in the offerings, I am bearing fruit. Some fruit trees feel that after they have paid their tithes, they have borne all the fruit that God demands of them, but that is just a part of the fruit. There are others that will go to the altar and beg God to save them, and make God all kinds of wide promises if He will save them. Then after God speaks peace to them, many times on their promise, they will draw good money and salt it down, and when the offering plate is passed around to get an offering for the man of God, who perhaps has sacrificed the natural comforts of life to bring them the gospel, they will drop in ten or twenty cents or perhaps up to a dollar, and then wonder why they haven't power to lay down that filthy habit of tobacco, or other things that keep their VICTORY sapped away. Listen, brother, sister, God has said in 2 Cor. 9:6, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth BOUNTIFULLY SHALL REAP ALSO BOUNTIFULLY." If you want large dividends, make large investments, and if you don't get enough salvation to get down into and loosen up your pocketbook, until you will give God His tenth, and help to bear the church burdens, I am afraid that you haven't enough to take you to heaven.

Yes, and another thing I want to say about FRUIT BEARING, lest I forget. Our precious godly sisters, the Willing Workers, some of them can find more things to do that will be a blessing to the church (these are FRUIT-BEARERS) and there are others that cannot find time to do any thing much. These have only leaves and perhaps just a few of them. How beautiful would our church work be if each one would be willing to bear his part of the burden. David said, in Psalm 1:1-3, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night, and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Say, brother, did you know that it is all right to be a shade tree if you will also BEAR FRUIT, but I think that our chance of making it through is very small if we try to get through on just shade alone. Yes, we should have LEAVES but we must have FRUIT. Read Psalm 1:1-3 again. Are you afraid God will let you down? Are you about to have a spiritual drouth? He said your leaf also SHALL not WITHER, and WHATSOEVER you DOETH SHALL PROSPER. Did you ever take a look at the man that is willing to pay his tithes, give in offerings, attend church regularly, give in missions, help the orphans; in fact, always willing to help bear the CHURCH burden in general? Watch that man prosper. Yes, God always will give that man a good spiritual blessing. Also watch that man and see if he doesn't make dollars where the tightwad will almost starve to death.

In conclusion I wish to remind you that you must bear fruit if you make it through to the city.

The Lord Working with Them

The secret of the success of the early Church was "the Lord working with signs following." And the secret of His working with them was preaching the gospel, the whole gospel, and nothing but the gospel. Many people think they can go into all the world and preach anything they please—war and murder, doctors and medicines, law instead of grace, etc.—and that God will confirm things contrary to the gospel and not in the atonement, but if we want the Lord to work with us as He did with the early Church, we will have to get back to the Word in season and out of season. If we do, we will see a world-wide revival that will sweep millions into the kingdom.—Earl A. Cripps.

ARE WE BEARING GOOD FRUIT?

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"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," St. John 1:11, 12.

Brother and sister, have you received Him? Have you believed on His name? Are you bearing fruit? or is it leaves only? Jesus was hungry and came to the fig tree. Finding leaves only He pronounced a curse upon it that it should never more bear fruit. Presently the tree withered away. (Matt. 21:18, 19.) "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire," Matt. 3:10. Do we have leaves only? If we have accepted Christ and been born again of the water and of the Spirit, let us bring forth good fruit.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing," St. John 15:5. Dearly beloved, if we are not bringing forth fruit, that is, if we are not getting lost souls to God, we are not abiding in the vine. We have our talent hidden and are not bearing fruit. We should go back to the altar and pray through to victory. The truth is God's Word. It is plain for us to see that if we are ashamed to confess Jesus before men, He will be ashamed to confess us before His Father and the holy angels. He will take our talent away and give it to another who has gained other talents for Him. I believe if we have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, we should let our light so shine that others may see our good works and glorify our Father which art in heaven. If we do not this we bear leaves only and must suffer the following; "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned," St. John 15:6. If we are professors and not possessors we will be burned. We are either a saint or a sinner. We are either in Christ or else we are out of Christ. Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us bring forth fruit more abundantly.

How shall I convince you that I am a child of God? If I am not leading others to God I can't make you believe it. The same is true in your case. "Marvel not, ... ye must be born again." "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask it of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." "Wherefore lay apart all filthness and superfluity and naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." "These signs shall follow them that believe." "Let us study to shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth."

Let us be a peculiar people that we may shew forth the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Let us stand steadfast and unmovable in the faith. Let us do His will so that we will not be ashamed to call upon Him for the things that we need. O God, help us to get our prayers higher than our heads. God has never failed. He stood by the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace and they were not burned. Their hair was not singed, neither was there smell of fire upon their garments. He was with Daniel in the lions' den all night and brought him out the next morning without any hurt. He brought His people up out of Egypt and they passed through the Red Sea on dry land. He carried them across Jordan on dry land. Yes, the waters stood back. For whom? For His people. They gave a loud shout and the walls of Jericho fell. David, being only a boy, won the battle with a sling. Christ raised Lazarus to life again. Peter and John commanded the lame man to be made whole in the name of Jesus. The blind received their sight, the sick were healed. He told Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree for today salvation is come to thine house. Amen. Praise God!

Isn't it wonderful to serve a God that is able to deliver and heal both soul and body! "Without faith it is impossible to please God." "All that is not of faith is sin." Oh, ye of little faith, has God ever failed? Examine yourselves and see if ye be in the faith. Job did not give up. Neither is God's ears heavy that He cannot hear nor His arm short that He cannot save. Let us believe God and live up to our promises to Him. If we promised to believe and trust Him, let us do that. If we do not have the faith, let us seek diligently until we receive faith and understanding. Let us seek peace and pursue it. God wants holy men and women, people that will praise Him, those that will not fail Him. Every man's work shall be tried as by fire. Let our souls be like gold that is tried in the fire. I believe the three Hebrew children were saved. I believe their works were tried by fire. Let us put on the whole armor of God, that we may have faith to walk through fiery trials. Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God." "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Come, let us do our best to let our light shine that others may see and come unto God. He purchased the Church with His own blood. It is the house of God, the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:15.)

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Where Is that Man?

MABLE MADDEFORD

Jonah was an absentee. A great city was reeking with wickedness of every kind and description. The stench reached the nostrils of God and He was much displeased with the situation. His eye ran up and down the earth, and He put His finger on a man and said, "Go to Nineveh and cry against it." But Jonah was probably pastoring a little church that paid tithes fairly well and perhaps just did not care about putting himself into so much danger. So instead of reporting on the job at Nineveh on Monday morning, he became an absentee. While God had already set the great mighty wheels of justice into motion, and all the machinery was well oiled to accomplish this great job of work in record time, still His man did not show up.

God did not have to send word out over the radio, nor to the newspapers to locate His missing man, but He just looked down upon the earth, and saw Jonah getting ready to take a vacation without a leave of absence—which is strictly against heaven's ruling.

Jonah had bought a ticket for Tarshish, where a fellow would be safe, instead of maybe landing in jail, or being shot at, or something worse, which would likely happen if he tried to preach and warn the wicked Ninevites. But God wanted His man. He was the fellow best suited to this job. So God could afford to have a few winds the wrong way, take the edges of the sea in His mighty hands, and shake it up, causing a terrific storm to arise. The devil had Jonah's conscience seared by this time and he was taking a well-needed nap, as he probably had lain awake half the night, planning how he could double-cross God.

Great consternation broke out on board the ship as all the crew prayed to their God and the storm kept raging. Finally the crew talked it over and said, "Some one is to blame for all this. Where is that man?" They began looking around and found Jonah fast asleep. The captain awoke him and said, "Get down and pray lest we perish." But Jonah wasn't on praying ground just then. The sailors cast lots to see who was to blame and the lot fell on Jonah. They put the lie detector on him and began asking questions. "Now who is to blame for this storm, of what nationality are you, and what's your business?" Well, Jonah saw he was caught in a trap and rather than be court-martialed, he said, "Just throw me overboard." By this time he was so miserable, having failed God and deliberately disobeying Him, he preferred death to living anyhow.

God would not let His man get away like that. So just as Jonah hit the water, along came a great fish and swallowed him, and Jonah took a submarine dive to the bottom of the sea. Jonah had never ridden in a submarine before and he became very seasick. In fact, he became so sick that his soul even fainted. The seaweeds wrapped round his head didn't help matters either. When he revived from fainting and saw he was still alive, he took stock of his surroundings. Then he saw there was just one way out of the mess he was in, and that was God's way. So he began to repent in the good old-fashioned way, and when he got that job done in good shape he began to make new vows. God heard it all and had him dumped out on dry land.

Jonah was only too glad to report on the job just a few days late and remembered that he was working for someone who means business. So he went to work with such vigor, precision, and determination that he preached conviction on the whole wicked city of Nineveh and all the people and all the animals put on sackcloth and began to cry out to God.

A whole city was saved because a man who almost became a traitor to his country, and to God, came to realize the importance of filling the place where he fitted best.

What a lesson in this story for all of God's people, that we might ever be obedient to His call!

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW

LEWIN N. POTEET

That you need to be saved. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

That you cannot save yourself. Galatians 2:16, "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Christ died to save us. 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

You may be saved now. 2 Cor. 6:2, "Behold, now is the day of salvation."

You should not sin. 1 Cor. 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."

A fitting description of some. St. Matt. 13:15, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Two ways, but one heaven. Matt. 7:13, "Enter ye in at the *strait gate:* for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."

The true and heavenly road. V. 14, "Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Be wise. Eph. 5:14, 15, "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."

Ignorance does not excuse us. Acts 17:30, 31, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

How to obtain the reward. Rev. 12: 13, 14, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Rev. 3:11, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

Rev. 22:20, 21, "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

THE NECESSITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

EVANGELIST J. T. DAVIS

Acts 19:1-7.

I. IS THIS DOCTRINE SCRIPTURAL? YES. Matt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the HOLY GHOST, and with fire." Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the HOLY GHOST is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

II. IS THE BAPTISM WITH THE SPIRIT RECEIVED AT CONVERSION? NO, it is not.

1. The disciples were saved men, had their "names written in heaven." John 15:3; 17:6, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept my word." But Jesus told them to "wait for the promise of the Father." It was still in the future. Luke 24:49, "And, behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

2. The Samaritans were converted, had GREAT JOY, many were healed (Acts 8:5-8), but did not receive the baptism until later (Acts 8:12-17).

3. The apostle Paul was converted on his way to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6), and received his Baptism three days later (Acts 9:17).

4. The twelve men of Ephesus were saved men—DISCIPLES—but had not received the Holy Ghost (Acts 19:1-7).

III. WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS GLORIOUS EXPERIENCE? LISTEN, not only the apostles, or Jews, or people who lived in the days of the apostles, but all SAVED people in EVERY AGE. Acts 2:38, 39.

1. Down at the house of Cornelius (Romans) they received it eight years after the day of Pentecost.

2. The disciples at Ephesus (Greeks) received it twenty years after the first outpouring.

3. Multitudes are receiving it today. It is for you.

IV. IS IT SIMPLY A PRIVILEGE, OR IS IT A DUTY TO SEEK THIS INFILLING OF THE SPIRIT? (IS IT A LUXURY?)

We are commanded to seek it, and are not obeying God fully unless we do. Eph. 5:18; Luke 24:49; Acts 8:17-20.

5. WHAT IS THE FIRST OUTWARD EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM? Speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Acts 2:4; 10:45-46; 19:6; 9:17, with 1 Cor. 14:18, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all." 1 Cor. 14:22-31, with Isa. 28:11, "With men of other tongues and with other lips

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ORPHANAGE RECEIPTS

First Quarter

Alabama	$1,584.61
Arizona	151.02
Arkansas	173.07
California	751.03
Colorado	21.17
Connecticut	15.00
Delaware	12.16
District of Columbia	16.52
Florida	1,401.73
Georgia	1,120.57
Idaho	82.85
Illinois	604.01
Indiana	108.10
Iowa	95.56
Kansas	100.73
Kentucky	2,623.11
Louisiana	203.66
Maine	62.73
Maryland	279.33
Massachusetts	13.43
Michigan	222.73
Minnesota	15.31
Mississippi	349.33
Missouri	243.07
Montana	62.38
Nebraska	16.97
New Jersey	27.87
New Mexico	85.01
New York	118.06
North Carolina	2,151.78
North Dakota	101.13
Ohio	463.72
Oklahoma	153.06
Oregon	57.29
Pennsylvania	344.60
South Carolina	1,627.65
South Dakota	132.63
Tennessee	2,310.13
Texas	742.62
Virginia	603.57
Washington	106.88
West Virginia	816.02
Wisconsin	9.59
Wyoming	3.31
Miscellaneous	23.23
Hawaii	21.73

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MISSION RECEIPTS

First Quarter

Alabama	$1,019.05
Arizona	107.57
Arkansas	116.81
California	338.40
Colorado	31.75
Connecticut	1.95
Delaware	58.16
District of Columbia	31.70
Florida	1,603.75
Georgia	2,392.49
Idaho	32.39
Illinois	379.72
Indiana	178.31
Iowa	139.40
Kansas	61.31
Kentucky	510.74
Louisiana	737.01
Maine	31.48
Maryland	219.30
Massachusetts	5.03
Michigan	350.21
Minnesota	6.97
Mississippi	229.51
Missouri	218.14
Montana	65.73
Nebraska	12.08
New Jersey	54.37
New Mexico	62.55
New York	76.39
North Carolina	1,469.03
North Dakota	58.02
Ohio	688.79
Oklahoma	103.08
Oregon	26.03
Pennsylvania	243.50
South Carolina	1,290.38
South Dakota	83.65
Tennessee	2,390.12
Texas	537.63
Virginia	718.87
Washington	116.27
West Virginia	688.82
Wisconsin	9.28
Wyoming	4.72
CANADA:	
North Portal	11.85
Robsart	5.33
Moose Jaw	16.74
Rolling Hill	11.44
Consul	4.82
Other sources	245.47

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El Salvador and Panama

As stated in the last issue, we found the entire 50 kilometers of highway from San Salvador to El Congo paved and, since we could make the entire drive in about one hour, we returned to Brother Syverson's home each night. After having slept on the table and in the hammock and eaten food prepared by the natives, this was quite a treat and was very refreshing to my body.

We had a blessed time in the convention there, enjoying the fellowship of the Spirit and seeing the workers from the several different churches all worshipping together and enjoying the feast from heaven. Brother and Sister Stilwell and Wayne arrived in San Salvador just two days after Brother Syverson and I. They were exceedingly happy, having at last arrived at the destination which they had been striving to reach for several weeks, but, as stated before, were unable to complete their journey because of the border being closed. There had been no traffic between the two countries except by air. Brother Stilwell made one trip with us to El Congo before the convention closed. I am sure that Brother and Sister Stilwell are going to enjoy their work with Brother Syverson. I have received a letter since I arrived home stating that they seem to be getting right into the language and are taking a great interest in their work.

From here Brother Syverson and I went directly to Panama. On March 11 we dedicated a nice new church building at No. 57 Twenty-seventh Street, Chorrilla. Brother DeSouza and the others had been laboring faithfully for several months, some of the brethren working a good part of the night for several days to get this building ready for dedication. A number of ministers from other churches had gathered with us for the occasion, including Methodist, Adventist, Baptist, Nazarene, and, possibly, some others. They all spoke a few words of appreciation of the work the Church of God is doing and the progress we are making there. Each one of them seemed exceedingly happy that we had at least been able to erect a good permanent building of our own.

We, also, had the privilege while here of making a trip some thirty miles or so into the country. I understand that this was, possibly, in the vicinity of Colon to dedicate a piece of ground which had been given for a new church building. This piece of ground is right on the new highway which has just been completed and the people seemed very enthusiastic over the future of the Church of God there. Brother DeSouza's son has been going out to this place and preaching regularly. A number of the people from there were in Panama for the dedicatory service on Sunday. Our stay in Panama was very pleasant indeed in the homes of Brother DeSouza and Brother Nichols. We are looking forward to the time when we shall have, not one, but dozens of churches in Panama. In fact, we are badly in need of another building in Panama City right now as we have two congregations, one Spanish and one English, worshiping in this building. In this way, it is occupied every night, practically all day, and till late in the night Sundays. When either congregation has a revival, the other, of course, has to give up their regular services except the day services and Sunday School.

I saw very little of Panama City as I was so busily occupied with church business while there and had no time for sight-seeing. For instance, the dedicatory service on Sunday lasted until 6 p. m. Then, we had to return at 7:30 for the evening service and with the service some visiting and talking about little business matters which had to be properly adjusted. We got to bed after midnight and had to be up at 5 o'clock the next morning.

I returned through Mexico City and stopped with the brethren there a couple of days. I had the privilege of meeting with Brother Ruesga and Brother Hargrave and many of the brethren to help in getting ready for the convention to be held there in May. I was with them at the main temple Calzada for one service. Many of the ministers of the city, as well as the local saints, were gathered for this service. It looked like a little Assembly as we now have twelve churches in Mexico City.

I also brought back a number of souvenirs and trinkets for the office and Bible School from some of the different countries down there. I must say that our work in Central America is very encouraging and, if we had the qualified workers there, we could soon have tens of thousands of members in those countries. Surely if anyone ever needed to be turned from darkness to light, it is the people in some of these countries. How glorious the light does shine when they receive it. Join us in prayers that God will send forth more laborers into this ripened harvest field and supply the means to care for them.

NORTHWEST BIBLE & MUSIC ACADEMY CLOSES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TERM

From the Chick Hatchery on the edge of town to the Yellowstone Hotel on Broadway, so goes the history of the Northwest Bible School which has just closed another successful term.

The faculty and students were happy as they delved into their work day and night to gather from their studies things that will enable them to be better workers for the Lord and His Church, in teaching and preaching and singing, making music, and personal work. We were privileged to visit the school twice during this term, and we found them busy and happy in their work. The co-operation of student and teacher makes a good term of school.

The accommodations of the Yellowstone Hotel in Lemmon, which was purchased for the school, are far ahead of those of the Chick Hatchery, and so much so until those who were acquainted with the Hatchery and experienced the hardships and handicaps of the early days of this school, feel like the present accommodations are almost a palace compared with what some had. But in spite of all the inconveniences, handicaps and hardships, the school went on doing its good work because men had a vision. The Lord put it on the hearts of the people to help support it, and today the school has a good influence in the town of Lemmon and surrounding community, with many friends among the business men and the farmers as well. The Lord has been with them all the way and still wonderfully meets with the students and faculty each term.

Students that have gone out from this school are making good as pastors, evangelists, and co-workers in all departments of the church work, for which the B. M. A. is thankful.

This term closed April 6, 1945, with students graduating with high honors. The faculty had reasons to be pleased with accomplishments and happy expectations of the future of the graduating class. There are fine prospects for a senior class for next term, with others graduating with high honors. The attendance this term was an increase over last term, though war conditions did hinder, many having been drafted and others on farms feared the draft. We are looking for next term to fill every room in the hotel with students who desire to be workers for the Lord and His Church.

The state overseer, Brother Glyndon Logsdon, has served as superintendent of the school this year, but his other duties have not permitted him to remain at the school all the time. When he could not be there, the principal of the school, Ruby (Thompson) Beckman, carried on the work, having the respect of the student body.

The program presented at the close of the school was unique and interesting. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Brother M. L. Lowe, of Bigtimber, Montana, and the writer had the honor of addressing the graduating class. A district rally was held at the Lemmon, S. D., church on Saturday and Sunday following the close of the school. The musical talent of the school was much appreciated in this rally and was an added feature that made the rally better. The climax of the rally came on Sunday afternoon in a mission service, at the close of the sermon, when several came forward offering their services as missionaries, some of which had received definite calls to certain fields. At this service an offering was taken for missions and the neat sum of $1,723 was the response from the congregation, financially, which was more than three times the amount given in the rally last year. To have been there is the only way to know the depth of that service and to see how hearts were moved upon by the Spirit of God until they yielded personally and financially, showing their love for God and lost souls.—H. L. Chesser.

So the Good Work Goes On

On March 30, 31, another term of the Church of God Bible Training School in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, came to a close, is now history, and will go on record as the greatest term in the history of the Bible School in Canada. The increase in attendance over last term was 46 percent, and the good work done by the fine student body and splendid corps of teachers is commendable. There was good discipline and fine grades, developing talent, and all students receiving the Holy Ghost baptism except three. We see great possibilities in the Canadian school.

Many of our young men from the farms who desired to attend this term were afraid to because of the status of the draft, but will be attending as soon as the war conditions permit. It looks as if we will soon have to have larger buildings to take care of the school.

Brother Frank W. Lemons, who is well known in the northwest section, was present at the close of the school and addressed the graduating class, also addressed the youth rally on Saturday night held at the first Baptist Church in Moose Jaw, since our church building was too small to accommodate the crowd. The Canadian people were happy to have Brother Lemons with them, and enjoyed all his messages at the church, on the radio broadcast, and at the youth rally also. I am sure they extend to him an invitation to be with them every time he can.

In connection with the close of school, was the youth rally and convention. Most of the ministers were present, and some of the laity from other sections as well. The convention was well attended and a good spirit prevailed, while the good singing and preaching were carried on. The Moose Jaw church is a new church organized since the Assembly but is making good progress, with a Sunday School average attendance of eighty for March. Two of the high lights of the convention, besides good singing and good preaching, were a mission offering of $224 and three people saved, for which we praise the Lord. The writer was privileged to be present at the close of the school and convention, speaking at different times and enjoying fellowship with our Canadian workers who are doing a good work.

Brother William Pospisil, who is the provincial overseer of Saskatchewan, and his co-workers are a fine group of hard-working, self-sacrificing people who love the Church of God and are working to see the work spread over Canada as a mighty flame. The radio program over station CHAB, Moose Jaw, being conducted by Brother M. G. McLuhan, pastor of the local church, is doing a great work in advertising the Bible School and its talent and getting people acquainted with the Church, what it is doing, and for what it stands. With a record of every letter received from the listeners, they know where people are favorable to the Church, and where people will support a revival in a new place; in

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The complete healing of my nerves; unspoken requests.—Miss Lula Webb, Toecane, N. C.

The complete healing of my grandmother's body; my three uncles in Service to be saved and one of them who is in the hospital to be healed.—Beatrice Shelton, Rosman, N. C.

The healing of my father, J. P. Duck, who has been very sick since January; my husband who is overseas. —Mrs. Mattie Lou VanPelt, Rt. 1, Lavonia, Ga.

The complete healing of my husband who is seriously ill. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Roy Elliott, 416 Poplar Ave., Williamstown, W. Va.

The healing of my baby's body; my husband who is in the Navy to be saved; me.—Mrs. Lex Johnson, 425 E. Cedar, Tyler, Texas.

My son in the Philippines who is in need of prayer; unspoken request.—Mrs. Jessie Mae Rose, Hewett, W. Va.

Me to be healed of low blood pressure and a severe hurting in my back. I would be very thankful for encouragement.—Mrs. Annie McKelvin, 900 Glasview St., Pelham, Ga.

My wife who is to undergo a serious operation.—V. S. Chean, 77 B. Geo. Legare, Navy Yard 54, S. C.

The healing of my limb, it hurts so badly at times I can hardly walk.—Mrs. H. V. Shelton, Rosman, N. C.

My body to be healed; my niece to be healed; Brother Smith to be healed. —Mrs. Joe Lopez, Chokoloskee, Fla.

Me to be healed of a bad rupture in my stomach.—Mrs. Nellie Phillips, 27 Blanch St., Battle Creek, Mich.

My granddaughter, sister-in-law and daughters to be healed.—Ollie May Johann. West Point, Miss.

The healing of a little three-year-old girl who has never sat alone, walked or crawled; the healing of Mrs. Robinson who had a slight stroke; the healing of H. Thomas of hardening of the arteries of the heart; his grandson to be healed of tumors on his intestines.—Mrs. S. Thomas, 507 W. Hill Ave., Valdosta, Ga.

My son in Service; the healing of my body; my two sons-in-law who are in Service, one overseas.—Mrs. W. W. Freeman, Raymond, Ga.

Jeremiah Shreve, Kline, W. Va., to be healed of cancer. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Esta Kimble, Upper Tract, W. Va.

God to undertake for some very urgent requests, it would take too much time to name them separately; my brother and two nephews in Service, another brother from whom we have not had a word since last June 3.—Mrs. Maud Martin.

The Lord to completely heal my body.—Mrs. Hugh Dryman, Scaly, N. C.

My wife to be healed.—Rev. M. S. Mitchell, Oconee, Ga.

The healing of my nephew, Marcus Dodson.—Rev. W. T. Dodson, 568½ Shotwell St., San Francisco 10, Calif.

God to undertake for me concerning my assignment and station in the army. —A brother, Camp Edwards, Mass.

The saving and healing of my son of sugar diabetes, the doctors say there is no chance for him to live long; the rest of us.—Mrs. W. N. Kelly, Brinson, Ga.

God to work out some cases in His own way.—Mrs. Newton Smith, Rt. 1, Osierfield, Ga.

The healing of my lungs, I know the Lord can heal.—Mrs. George W. Holt, Jr., Black Mountain Sanatorium, Black Mt., N. C.

The Lord to heal me of nervousness and other troubles. I feel I cannot live long if God doesn't undertake.—Mrs. Mary Hopper, Rt. 1, c|o J. W. Long, Gastonia, N. C.

My daughter to be healed of curvature of the spine.—Mrs. Archie Miller, 420 E. 10th St., Alma, Ga.

The healing of James Henry Guins, Charity Hospital, Ward W-402, New Orleans, La.; the healing of Mrs. Bessie Burnett, Rt. 3, Talladega, Ala.; the healing of my mother's head, Mrs. Della Guins, Rt. 1, Box 228, Sylacauga, Ala.—Mrs. Fred Ellison, Bon Air, Ala.

My brother, who is in the Veterans' Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; he has had a nervous breakdown and T. B.—Mrs. L. L. Duncan, 532 Burns St., Jackson, Miss.

My husband's healing and salvation; my mother.—Mrs. France Rains, Rt. 1, Box 342, Middlesboro, Ky.

The complete healing of my body; my two brothers overseas to be saved, and one of them healed, he has been wounded twice; my children and husband; my husband's brother and two nephews in Service.—Mrs. Thurman Hix, Rt. 1, Box 114, Tullahoma, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of rheumatism, loss of flesh, extreme weakness, and his soul saved.—Mrs. W. W. Murdock, Hiddenite, N. C.

The complete healing of my body of an ingrowing goitre which smothers me.—Cory A. Carpenter, Rt. 1, Franklin, N. C.

My daughter; unspoken request.—Mrs. Annie Bland, 2419 E. Jones St., Savannah, Ga.

My aunt to be healed of a broken hip; my body to be healed, I am trusting the Lord.—Miss Ouida Holeman, Palacios, Tex.

Me to be healed of a growth on the inside of my left eyelid; my son in the South Pacific.—Mrs. Pearl Rogers, Barnardsville, N. C.

My husband who has been sick with a cold since we have been here. If the Lord doesn't undertake he will have to quit preaching. Also, his hearing is almost gone. Pray that the Lord will completely heal him. The healing of my body; my son and his family, he is in Service and needs God.—Mrs. C. N. O'Kelley, Box 323, Rome, Ga.

My two sons overseas, one in Patton's Division, the other in New Guinea.—Mrs. Sadie Singleton, Houston, Tex.

The Lord to heal me of arthritis and sinus trouble and to completely heal my eyes; my five sons in Service, four of whom are unsaved.—Gertena L. Douglas, Rt. 1, Box 98-B, Summerville, S. C.

The Lord to heal me of T. B., I am a patient in a tuberculosis sanitarium and have been for ten weeks. I also want to be a Christian. I am twenty years old. Please pray for me, also for my mother and family.—Zida Faye Spence, Pine Crest Sanitarium, Beckley, W. Va.

The healing of my back and side and other afflictions with which I have suffered so much; my son that God will undertake for him.—Mrs. Julia Hester, Rt. 1, Dunwoody, Ga.

My son overseas.—Mrs. V. W. Blankenship, Rt. 1, Box 180, Claysburg, Pa.

The healing of my body; urgent request; the healing of Hurbert Robinson, Haines City, Fla., he is in a serious condition and cannot live much longer unless God undertakes.—Gladys Yarbrough, Lake Alfred, Fla.

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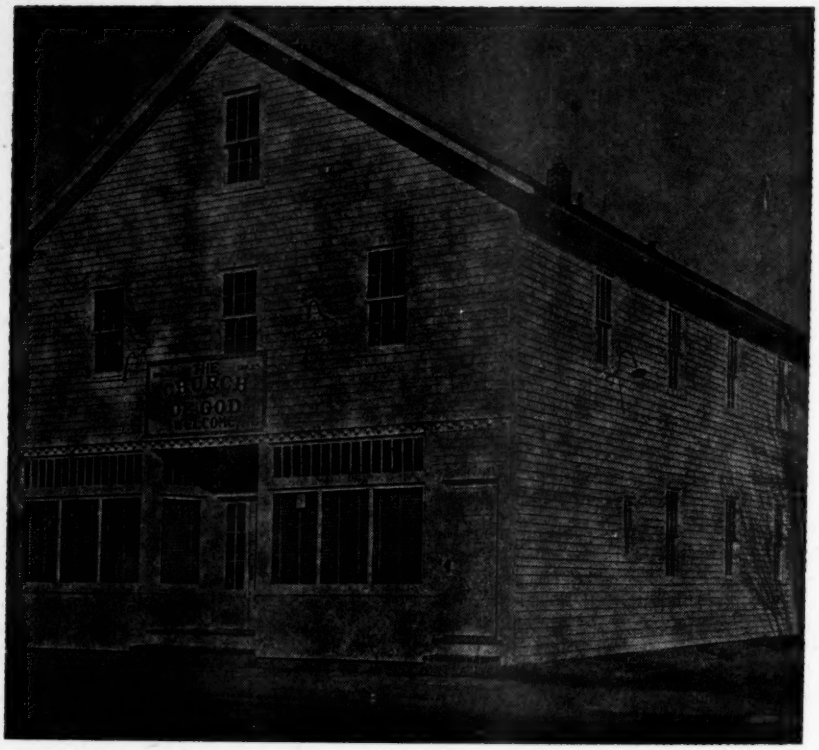
The Church of God on Wailes St., Salisbury, Maryland



The local Church of God was set in order twenty-four years ago by Rev. Paul H. Walker, now Assistant General Overseer, at West Postoffice, Eden, Maryland, Route 1, and six years later moved to St. Lukes and there worship was conducted for a period of eighteen years. September 15, 1944, Rev. J. R. Burkett was sent to this church by their conference. He found this old building in a very poor state of repair, and that most of the members had moved to Salisbury and Fruitland. Rather than have the members continue to drive six miles in the country to worship, Rev. Burkett saw the need for a new church and suggested to the Church of God officials that they purchase from Mr. George W. Bounds a Wailes Street property conveniently located and suitable for the Church of God. This suggestion was approved by the officials. The building was painted and completely remodeled. A large sized basement is to be used as a Sunday School room and for social gatherings. Church of God services are conducted each week: on Tuesday, midweek prayer meeting at 7:45 p. m., Y.P.E. services on Friday at 7:45 p. m. The Church of God Radio Hour can be heard every Saturday over WBOC at 9:30 a. m. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and morning devotional services at 11:00 a. m. Evangelistic services are held every Sunday night at 7:30. The general public is invited to attend any or all of these services. Rev. J. R. Burkett is the pastor.

St. Louis District Convention

The St. Louis, Mo., district convention of the Church of God convened at Newstead and Vista Avenues. We had a very successful convention conducted by our district overseer, John O. Yates.

The Lord was with us throughout the convention—the attendance was good and we were happy to have visitors from our neighboring states.

Our convention started Friday evening with good singing and an enjoyable and stirring message by Brother Charles Conn, of Leadwood. Saturday morning Sister Carrie Stringer brought the message.

Sister Watson, state president of the L. W. W. B., gave a talk and each L. W. W. B. president reported for his church. The L. W. W. B. of Newstead and Vista church served meals in the church basement during the convention, which were enjoyed by all. We appreciated their time and work. This department of the church is growing and the Lord is blessing. Saturday afternoon Brother Harvey Parker preached and his message was a blessing to everyone present. Sister Nettie Parks also brought a good message and we had a few short talks by pastors and visitors.

Brother Brownie Frost is our district Y. P. E. superintendent, and he was in charge of our service Saturday evening. We had some special singing, followed by a talk boosting our Y. P. E. by James Wade, pastor of Ridge Way, Ill. This was a very encouraging talk. This meeting closed, leaving us with a zeal to have better Y. P. E.'s This was followed by a talk on orphans by Brother J. W. King, pastor of Newstead and Vista. Our total orphanage offering was $423.10. The service was closed with a stirring message by Brother F. Byrd.

Sunday morning Brother Claude Yates, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, spoke on "Relation of the Sunday School to the Church," and Brother G. A. Watson, state overseer, spoke on "The Need of Missions." Our total mission offering was $419.18. Sunday afternoon we had special singing and a report from each church. After a good message by Brother Watson our convention came to a close. We had special singing throughout the convention by Brother and Sister Claude Yates, the convention trio, Hazel Granaman, and others. We had good fellowship and God's sweet presence, which was His stamp of approval on our convention.
—Hazel Granaman, convention clerk.

District Convention

Our district convention was held at Blythe, Calif., on Feb. 10, 11. Services started Saturday night. Our beloved state overseer, Brother John E. Douglas, brought the message. Much interest was shown.

Sunday morning we had a short Sunday School lesson after which Sister I. O. Garlet, our Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, made a short talk about Sunday School, which everyone enjoyed. Brother Douglas then brought another good message. You could really feel the presence of the Lord.

At noon we had an old-fashioned basket lunch, which everybody seemed to enjoy. In the afternoon service we had numbers by Rev. and Mrs. Pierce and son, of Four Square Church, after which Brother Douglas took an offering for missions, which amounted to $12. Sister Garlet made a talk about the Orphanage and an offering was given, amounting to $10. Sister Douglas made a good talk on Home Mis-

sions and Willing Workers. We enjoyed this very much. Sunday night we had a glorious meeting. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were present. Brother Douglas was at his best in bringing the message, after which an altar call was given and the altar filled with seekers. Five were gloriously saved. We will long remember this convention.—Mrs. Jewel Lane, Box 403, Midland, Calif.

Alexandria, La., District Convention

The Alexandria, La., district convention, which convened at the Jena church on Feb. 3, 4, was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. A sweet spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the services.

Brother C. M. Jenkerson, our esteemed state overseer, was the principal speaker. His timely messages were greatly enjoyed by all. Truly he preached the gospel in its fulness. We feel that each one felt the need of a deeper consecration of God.

In the Sunday afternoon service each minister on the district gave a nice talk, which was interesting. While it rained on the outside, we had a shower of blessings on the inside. Our small band of people came forward with a nice mission offering of $60. We also finished our state quota and the overseer received a nice offering for the pastor, which was greatly appreciated. We feel that the church here is building up and is looking forward to a great revival.

We truly learned to love and appreciate our state overseer and are looking forward to the time when he can come again. We thank God for this good convention.—W. F. Sharpe, district pastor.

Jesup, Ga., District Convention

The Church of God in Jesup, Ga., is glad to report another successful convention. The convention opened Saturday, Feb. 3, with the presence of the state overseer, Rev. L. W. McIntyre; the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Rev. J. R. Little; the pastor from each church in the district, and other visiting preachers and representatives who were welcomed by the pastor of the Jesup church, Rev. T. W. Godwin.

Rev. Little discussed the importance of the Sunday School and Y. P. E. Rev. Lee Walton, the district Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, also gave a talk in behalf of Sunday School and Y. P. E., then entertained the children with a contest, pictures of the Orphanage and a battle of the Southwest Pacific, which was enjoyed by all.

The Sunday services opened at 10:30 a. m. with singing and special songs. Then the pastor from each church gave his report, after which a message was brought by Brother Kennedy, of Savannah. After the message Brother McIntyre took a mission offering of $404. An offering was also taken Saturday night for a page in the Lighted Pathway, amounting to $12. The convention was dismissed about 1:00 p. m., after which a dinner was spread at the church and a wonderful time was had by all.—Mary Dedge.

Delbarton District Convention

No doubt war and tire and gasoline rationing kept some folk from attending the Delbarton district convention March 15-18, but the Spirit and power of God was not rationed to those who met to worship Him.

Apparently all present responded to the cordial welcome extended by the Delbarton pastor, Rev. W. H. Compton.

We were brought ultimately into a more hallowed communion and nobler avenues of service, made conscious of our intimate joy and completeness of salvation through the wondrous truth and basal facts of the gospel. We had the delightful experience of listening to sermons that left thoughts sunk deeply in our hearts as if we had never heard them before.

Some of the noblest words ever uttered by a minister were spoken by Rev. J. L. Goins, state overseer, during his sermon on "Foreign Missions." Our eyes were opened to the infinite value of sending ministers to the foreign fields. The approval of the Lord of Host was shown by His gentle presence and response of those present to give an offering amounting to $420.74.

Rev. T. M. McClendon, of Kentucky, was well respected because of his evidence of wisdom in God's Word. The atmosphere of the service was perfumed with the breath-taking truth and praises of God.

As Rev. E. R. Noel told of the superiority of "The Church of God," the waters of life shed a rich deposit of divine grace over us. Through a spiritual eye we were allowed to survey the expanse of heaven. Rev. E. R. Noel is an ambassador sent from God to devout souls to deliver a priceless message that our faith be increased, that we know not defeat, but fight in God's strength and under His leadership.

Songs were jubilant. Other sermons were inspirational, contagiously effective and sound doctrine.

Glorious was the unity, the comfort, and the happiness derived from this convention.—Jane Curry Prichard, Delbarton, West Va., convention clerk.

District Prayer Conference Inspiring

Just a note of praise to the Lord for the wonderful district prayer conference that was held on the Toledo, Ohio, district, of which Rev. D. W. Mills, is overseer. Rev. E. W. Williams, Assistant General Overseer, was the guest speaker at these services. The conference began on Wednesday night, January 24, and continued through Sunday night, the 28th. The presence of God was prevalent in every service. God's people were truly built up in victory and power to do greater service for the Master. Evangelism was the principal theme of this prayer conference, and oh, how our hearts did burn within us when our minds were more enlightened through the wonderful messages of our esteemed Assistant General Overseer.

We were also privileged to have our esteemed state overseer, Rev. J. H. Hughes, two nights of this prayer conference. His presence was an inspiration to us and we appreciated having him so much. In short, the prayer conference was a real spiritual stimulation to all who attended.—D. W. Mills, district overseer, Toledo district; Shelton Brock, reporter.

The Lord Surely Has Blessed Us

PALMETTO, Fla.—I as a member of the Church of God here at Palmetto, Fla., am glad to make a report of the wonderful services we have been having. The Lord surely has been blessing us wonderfully. There have been twenty-five converted, twenty-two sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and seventeen additions to the church, in regular services. Brother J. W. Allen, our pastor, is doing a great work here. We desire prayer of each of you that the Lord will continue to bless.

We are now in a young people's revival; a young minister, Albert Phillips, is doing the preaching each night this week. One received the Holy Ghost Sunday night, also one last night. Pray for our young people, that they will accept the Lord while they are young.—John H. Eagerton.

THE BIBLE

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plenty of people who have read it from lid to lid and still know nothing of the plan of redemption.

The Bible is more or less a sealed Book to people who are blinded by sin. I read a few chapters when I was in sin, but saw through a glass darkly.

Many years ago in Nashville, Tenn., my eyes were opened, my heart was changed, my vision cleared up, and the next day I sat in my room reading the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. I saw from the words of that chapter that Cornelius was a devout man. I understood that he was praying and fasting when God sent an angel into his home instructing him to call for Simon Peter who at that time was in Joppa. It was so clear how Peter came to Caesarea and preached to Cornelius and his household and how they received the Holy Ghost and were baptized in water. The Book was so different. It seemed so open. I became jubilant about it. And from that day unto this it has been more or less an open Book.

The carnal mind cannot understand and visionize the Bible like those who are spiritually-minded, because the Bible is the inspired Word of God describing spiritual things and instructing in matters pertaining to spiritual life. It is therefore spiritually discerned.

THE NECESSITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

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will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe: but to them that believe not."

VI. WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS TO BE MET BEFORE RECEIVING IT?

1. Repent and believe and be baptized in water. Acts 2:38.

2. Obey God fully (consecrate your life to His will and service). Acts 5: 32.

3. Pray for it. Luke 11:12; Acts 1: 14.

4. Praise God for it in faith. Luke 24:49; 52:3.

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It seems to be much easier for some people to turn down their best friend than it is for them to turn down their worst enemy.

SO THE GOOD WORK GOES ON

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fact there is no guessing about where to start a new work. You know where people are friendly toward the Church. They are putting on a fine program with good talent, and the letters show that the program is being well received by the public. Evangelizing by radio is another way to cover the territory with the gospel, a softening-up of the hard soil so when the revival begins the people are acquainted with the Church. Ever onward, upward they go, watch the work in Canada grow. —H. L. Chesser.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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Me to be saved and healed of T. B.; my husband; my dear mother.—Mrs. Flora Phillips, State Park, Columbia, S. C.

The Lord to heal my body, I have been afflicted for seven or eight years and am growing worse. The doctors say it is my nerves. I stay so sore all over inside, my flesh, muscles and leaders stay sore and hurt me all the time and I am nervous and weak. Unless God undertakes I know I will soon have to be going and I want a closer walk with Him and my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Leroy Stallings, Rt. 1, Waycross, Ga.

My brother-in-law, Riley F. Wilkes, who was wounded in Belgium Dec. 26, to be completely healed and his soul saved.—Mrs. Avy Renfroe Pace, Rt. 2, Box 163, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mrs. Fred Miller who is seriously ill. —Mrs. Stallings.

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Needs Prayer

God to restore my health and give me strength and courage to overcome, I am in a very nervous and rundown condition and have six precious small children to care for. I live so far from church and my health is so bad that I am unable to take them to church and they miss Sunday School so much; they do like to go. One of my dear brothers has been reported killed in action in Germany and it seems more than I can bear. Pray for his dear wife and two babies. I also have four other brothers in Service, some across. Pray for them. Encouragement appreciated. —Mrs. J. W. Womack, c/o Womack's Radio Shop, LaFayette, Ga.

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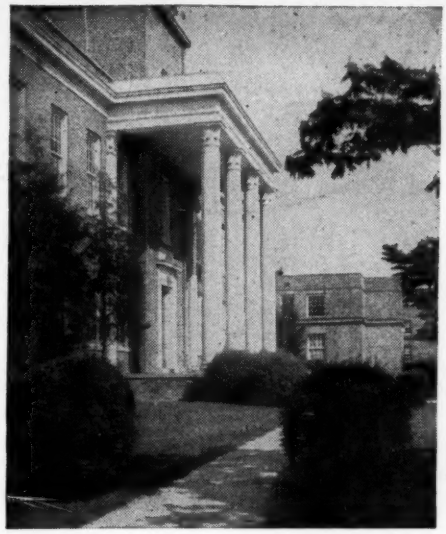

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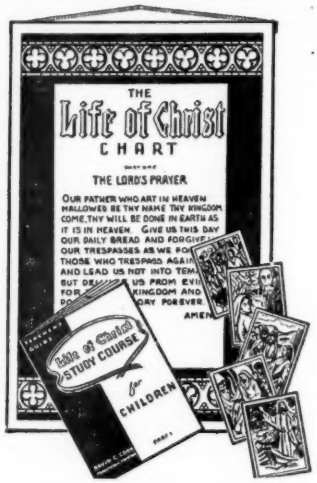

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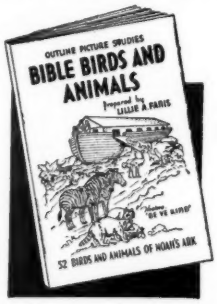

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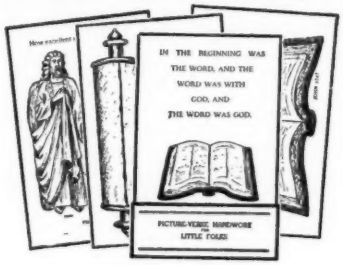

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